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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,165 crashes as compared to 1,311 crashes in November 2007. The total crashes decreased by 11.1% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities increased by 33.3%, this equates to 2 more fatal crashes in November 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 14.3 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to November 2007. Of the 42 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 4 resulted in injuries, 1 fatality and the remaining 37 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 3.9% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,066 crash reports in November. This resulted in 5,762 crash reports being mailed out, 7.4% fewer than last November. There were 552 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 40.3% when compared to November 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 22,549 CAD incidents and 33,256 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 8.5% in November 2008, as compared to November 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down 19.3% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by 26.9% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 23.8%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 64.1% and its other citations by 41.6% as compared to last November. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 20.7% compared to last year. This resulted in 44 vehicles and 32 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

SOUTHERN COMMAND

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	November-08	November-07	% Change	October-08	% Change
Total crashes	1165	1311	-11.1%	1086	7.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	884	996	-11.2%	841	5.1%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	273	309	-11.7%	235	16.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8	6	33.3%	10	-20.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46	57	-19.3%	42	9.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9	6	50.0%	12	-25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	4	-50.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	1	200.0%	4	-25.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	42	49	-14.3%	53	-20.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	37	42	-11.9%	35	5.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	6	-33.3%	18	-77.8%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.9%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.6%
- ✱ Total crashes down 11.1 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 14.3% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are up 33.3 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	November-08		November-07	% Change		October-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46		57	-19.3%		42	9.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	144		197	-26.9%		172	-16.3%
Other arrests	797		968	-17.7%		811	-1.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	330		433	-23.8%		335	-1.5%
Speed violations	4348		4383	-0.8%		4313	0.8%
Hazardous moving violations	2216		2365	-6.3%		2149	3.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	441		771	-42.8%		469	-6.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	11152		12194	-8.5%		11302	-1.3%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	105		64	64.1%		105	0.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	235		166	41.6%		255	-7.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	609		768	-20.7%		820	-25.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	3		3	0.0%		10	-70.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	220		330	-33.3%		254	-13.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	893		1284	-30.5%		1145	-22.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	44		83	-47.0%		66	-33.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	32		56	-42.9%		44	-27.3%
Total school buses inspected	77		336	-77.1%		341	-77.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	14		47	-70.2%		35	-60.0%
Total trucks weighed	1243		186	568.3%		149	734.2%
Total overweight citations	10		21	-52.4%		22	-54.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	496		766	-35.2%		613	-19.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	16		29		7
Safety Violations Citation	2		10		3
Safety Violations Repair Order	13		24		6
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		5		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	2		15		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		1		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34.629 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 7 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November 2008		November 2007	% Change		October 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	310,587		272,499	14.0%		425,185	-27.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,618,598		1,239,079	30.6%		1,792,753	-9.7%
CAD Incidents	22,549		25046	-10.0%		23,661	-4.7%
Telephone Calls	33,256		33427	-0.5%		34,512	-3.6%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	59		47	25.5%		50	18.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,066		1,687	-36.8%		1,002	6.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	199		347	-42.7%		320	-37.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	10		16	-37.5%		30	-66.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	60		117	-48.7%		109	-45.0%
Visitors at Counter	552		925	-40.3%		917	-39.8%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,762		6,224	-7.4%		5,457	5.6%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	770		896	-14.1%		845	-8.9%
Warrants Entered	304		236	28.8%		290	4.8%
Warrants Cleared	284		472	-39.8%		581	-51.1%
Warrants Validated	2513		1808	39.0%		13	19230.8%
Extradition / Transports	3		16	-81.3%		16	-81.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	57		57	0.0%		55	3.6%
New Items Submitted	114		120	-5.0%		118	-3.4%
Items Disposed	1890		19	9847.4%		35	5300.0%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 87.7% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 7.0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 17 Contracts using 286.09 hours, billed in the amount of \$22,784.47

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
818	16	103	33	10

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
618	433	29	109	50	59

Community service appearances: (11)

- Canyon Springs HS Centennial H.S. (3 visits)
- Las Vegas H.S. (5 visits)
- UNLV
- Cadwallader M.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (30 total)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Blasting Operational Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference
- Meeting with Stations Casino regarding traffic for opening of new Aliante Station
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Presentation for Joining Forces Northern Region in Reno
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Nellis Air Force Base Aviation Nation
- CSM Job Fair
- UMC Trauma press event for “Stand up for Safety Walk”
- Nevada Seat Belt Coalition introduction